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INTERNATIONAL PRELIMINARY REPORT ON PATENTABILITY
 (Chapter I of the Patent Cooperation Treaty)

(PCT Rule 44bis)

Applicant's or agent's file reference FE6129	FOR FURTHER ACTION		See item 4 below
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International Patent Classification (8th edition unless older edition indicated) See relevant information in Form PCT/ISA/237			
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1. This international preliminary report on patentability (Chapter I) is issued by the International Bureau on behalf of the International Searching Authority under Rule 44 bis.1(a).
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Box No. IV | Lack of unity of invention |
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See paragraph 2 below

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C08F297/08, C08F4/02, C08F4/642

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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- Box No. I Basis of the opinion
- Box No. II Priority
- Box No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- Box No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
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2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will usually be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA"). However, this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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**WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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International application No.
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Box No. I Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.
 - This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language , which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rules 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
 - a. type of material:
 - a sequence listing
 - table(s) related to the sequence listing
 - b. format of material:
 - in written format
 - in computer readable form
 - c. time of filing/furnishing:
 - contained in the international application as filed.
 - filed together with the international application in computer readable form.
 - furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. II Priority

1. The following document has not been furnished:

- copy of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(a)).
 translation of the earlier application whose priority has been claimed (Rule 43bis.1 and 66.7(b)).

Consequently it has not been possible to consider the validity of the priority claim. This opinion has nevertheless been established on the assumption that the relevant date is the claimed priority date.

2. This opinion has been established as if no priority had been claimed due to the fact that the priority claim has been found invalid (Rules 43bis.1 and 64.1). Thus for the purposes of this opinion, the international filing date indicated above is considered to be the relevant date.

3. Additional observations, if necessary:

**Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or
industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement**

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Yes: Claims	5
	No: Claims	1-4,6-17
Inventive step (IS)	Yes: Claims	5
	No: Claims	1-4,6-17
Industrial applicability (IA)	Yes: Claims	1-17
	No: Claims	

2. Citations and explanations

see separate sheet

Re Item V.

- 1 The following documents are referred to in this communication:
D1 : US 6 383 969 B1 (BETTONVILLE SERGE ET AL) 7 May 2002 (2002-05-07)
D2 : US 2002/107344 A1 (PETERSON THOMAS HENRY) 8 August 2002 (2002-08-08)
D3 : WO 03/046022 A (BASELL POLYOLEFINE GMBH ; GALIMBERTI MAURIZIO (IT); FERRARO ANGELO (IT) 5 June 2003 (2003-06-05)
D4 : EP 0 704 463 A (MITSUI PETROCHEMICAL IND) 3 April 1996 (1996-04-03)

2 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

- 2.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 1 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.
Document D1 discloses (the references in parenthesis applying to this document): in example 2 a multistep process. Dimethylsilyl-1,1bis (2-methyl-4,5-benzoindenyl)ZrCl₂ is supported on a porous organic support, followed by a prepolymerization with propylene. In a second step propylene polymerization is conducted. The description (column 8, lines 65-67) describes that one particularly preferred polymerization process is related to the homo and copolymerization of ethylene.
As a consequence, the subject-matter of claims 1 is not novel towards D1.

3 INDEPENDENT CLAIM 17

- 3.1 The present application does not meet the criteria of Article 33(1) PCT, because the subject-matter of claim 17 is not new in the sense of Article 33(2) PCT.
The examples of Document D4 disclose comparable propylene compositions as described in claim 17.
The applicant is invited to indicate which technical features of the polymer composition render the composition novel over the prior art.

4 DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-4, 6-16

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AUTHORITY (SEPARATE SHEET)**

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Dependent claims 2-4, 6-16 do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any claim to which they refer, meet the requirements of the PCT in respect of novelty and/or inventive step (Article 33(2) and (3) PCT).